

Appl. No. 10/625,801
Amdt. Dated Nov. 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Aug. 26, 2005

REMARKS

This reply is filed in response to the office action dated August 26, 2005.

Reconsideration of the application and the claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 74 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because allegedly the “combination thereof” is not supported by the specification as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The specification on page 7, lines “16-25” refers to using stimulation methods and describes that stimulation methods include using one or more listed methods. Accordingly, applicants believe that the specification supports the “combination thereof” recitation.

Double Patenting

With respect to the double patenting rejection over the co-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,649,823, of which the instant application is a continuation application, while Applicants do not concede that the double patenting rejection is proper, to expedite the application into issuance, Applicants will submit a terminal disclaimer when all other rejections are withdrawn and the instant double patenting rejection is the only remaining rejection.

With respect to the provisional double patenting rejection over the co-pending co-owned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/052,004, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection when all other rejections are withdrawn.

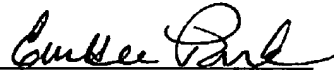
Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The claims are believed to be patentable and a favorable Office Action is hereby earnestly solicited. If a

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telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the number provided below.

While no fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this Reply, if any fee is deemed due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 02-0393 of Baker & McKenzie LLP.

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